

FOSTER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Minutes

Captain Isaac Paine School
160 Foster Center Road
Foster, RI 02825

September 30, 2009
Open Session - 4:30 pm

1. Convene Meeting -

Ron Cervasio, Chair, called the meeting of the Foster School Committee to order at 4:30 pm.

a. *Roll Call* - All members were present: Ron Cervasio, Chair, Cindy Bernard, Vice-Chair, Dennis Chretien, member, Davida Irving, Superintendent / Principal, and Mrs. McCullough, School Committee Secretary.

b. *Pledge of Allegiance* - was recited.

2. Old Business

a. *Behavioral Specialist* -

On a motion by Mr. Chretien and seconded by Mrs. Bernard, the School Committee voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to hire a full time Behavior Specialist, who is a member of the Foster Teachers' Association; part of the (.5) position will fulfill the position of Behavior Specialist as described in the IDEA American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds (ARRA Federal Stimulus Grant), and this .5 position will be paid out of the ARRA Grant. The other part (.5) of the position will complement the position described in the ARRA Grant, and the position will be paid out of existing LEA funds. Discussion followed. Motion failed. Vote = 1-2-0.

Vote as follows:

Mr. Cervasio - no

Mrs. Bernard - no

Mr. Chretien - yes

On a motion by Mrs. Bernard and seconded by Mr. Chretien, the School Committee voted to approved the Superintendent's recommendation to implement the grant using consultants paid with existing dollars allocated in the grant. On a motion by Mr. Chretien and seconded by Mrs. Bernard the School Committee voted to amend the first motion to replace "consultants" with "most highly qualified individual". Discussion followed. This motion failed. Vote = 1-2-0.

Vote as follows:

Mr. Cervasio - no

Mrs. Bernard - no

Mr. Chretien - yes

The School Committee went back to the original motion. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Chretien and seconded by Mrs. Bernard, the School Committee voted to approved the Superintendent's recommendation to hire a .5 Behavior Specialist consultant to

complement the work of the .5 Behavior Specialist as described in the ARRA Grant and the Consultant will be paid out of LEA funds. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Vote = 2-1-0.

Vote as follows:

Mr. Cervasio - yes

Mrs. Bernard - no

Mr. Chretien - yes

3. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Chretien and seconded by Mrs. Bernard, the School Committee voted to adjourn at 4:55 pm. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee